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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DEP ASST SEC OF DEFENSE FOR RESERVE
AFFAIRS HON HAROLD W. CHASE, AND M/GEN STANFORD SMITH
MAY 16-26

1. HONORABLE HAROLD W. CHASE, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
OF DEFENSE FOR RESERVE AFFAIRS, AND M/GEN STANFORD SMITH,
MILITARY EXECUTIVE, RESERVE FORCES POLICY BOARD, WILL BE
VISITING IN EUROPE IN THE THIRD AND FOURTH WEEKS OF
MAY 1978. MR. CHASE AND M/GEN SMITH DESIRE TO MEET WITH
THE RESERVE FORCE DIRECTORS OR MANAGERS IN BONN AND LONDON
FOLLOWING THE SACEUR VISIT. TENTATIVE PLANS ARE TO MEET
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WITH GENERAL HAIG ON MAY 16 TO DISCUSS US RESERVE FORCES
COMMITTED TO NATO AND THE UTILIZATION OF OTHER NATO
NATION RESERVES. IN DOD, MR. CHASE AND M/GEN SMITH HAVE
THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR POLICIES WHICH WILL IMPROVE
US RESERVE FORCE STRUCTURE, MANPOWER TRAINING AND
READINESS. THEY ARE REQUESTING THESE MEETINGS AS A MEANS
OF GAINING INSIGHTS AND CONCEPTS WHICH CAN BE APPLIED TO

US RESERVE FORCES AS WELL AS INFORMATION ON UK AND FRG UTILIZATION OF THEIR RESERVES, INCLUDING STRUCTURE, TRAINING, AND TASKING.

2. MR. CHASE AND M/GEN SMITH WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET

WITH OFFICIALS IN BONN BETWEEN MAY 17 AND 19. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE FRG CHIEF OF RESERVE AFFAIRS IS BRIGADIER GENERAL DR. WACHTER, DIRECTOR OF STABSABTEILUNG I, FUHRUNGSTAB DER STREITKRAFTE, BUNDES-MINISTERIUM DER VERTEIDIGUNG. SHOULD THERE BE OPPORTUNITY, THEY ALSO DESIRE TO MEET WITH COLONEL RUDOLF WOLLER, PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF RESERVISTS OF THE GERMAN ARMED FORCES, BONN. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS ASSOCIATION HAS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE GERMAN RESERVES IN CONTRACT WITH THE GERMAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE.

3. IN THE UK, MR. CHASE AND M/GEN SMITH WISH TO DISCUSS THE ORGANIZATION, TRAINING AND READINESS OF THE TERRITORIAL AND OTHER RESERVES. THEIR PLAN IS TO BE IN LONDON BEGINNING MAY 22 FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS. WE BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE FOR THEM TO MEET WITH MAJOR GENERAL JOHN H. FOSTER (UK ARMY), DIRECTOR, VOLUNTEERS, TERRITORIALS AND CADETS, MINISTRY OF DEFENCE. IF GENERAL FOSTER DETERMINES IT IS HELPFUL, MR. CHASE AND UNCLASSIFIED

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M/GEN SMITH CAN ALSO MEET WITH MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF TAVR ASSOCIATIONS IN LONDON AT THE DUKE OF YORK'S HEADQUARTERS.

4. MR. CHASE AND M/GEN SMITH ARE AGREEABLE TO SHORT VISITS TO RESERVE UNITS IN BOTH THE FRG AND UK WHICH MAY BE NEARBY IN THE FIELD OR ON EXERCISE.

5. SHAPE FOR POLAD: MR. CHASE, MR. LOUIS CONTI, CHAIRMAN, RESERVE FORCES POLICY BOARD, AND M/GEN STANFORD SMITH DESIRE TO MEET WITH GENERAL HAIG ON 16 MAY TO DISCUSS US RESERVE FORCES COMMITTED TO NATO AND THE RESERVES OF OTHER NATO NATIONS AND THEIR UTILIZATION. THE POSSIBILITY OF MEETING WITH YOU ON THIS DATE WAS DISCUSSED IN TELECON BETWEEN COLONEL KOMORNIK, SHAPE LIAISON, AND LTC BOOZER OF YOUR STAFF. MR. CONTI WILL BE IN BELGIUM ON OTHER BUSINESS AT THAT TIME, THEREFORE THE MAY 16 DATE IS VERY CONVENIENT. PLEASE ADVISE AS TO SUITABLE TIME OF DAY. IT WOULD ALSO BE DESIRABLE TO DISCUSS OTHER NATO RESERVE FORCES WITH THE DEPSACEUR, GENERAL GERHARD SCHMUECKLE, IF APPROPRIATE AND IF HE IS AVAILABLE. OUR OFFICE IS ACQUAINTED WITH HIS

INTEREST IN THE RESERVES WHILE IN HIS ROLE AS DIRECTOR,
IMS, NATO.

6. REQUEST FOR AREA CLEARANCE AND ADDITIONAL DATA
WILL BE PROVIDED.

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